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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

[Letters addressed to "Correspondence" will receive attention in this column. Inquiries are solicited.]

Q. When will the Democratic National Convention be held?

J. B. M.

A. On June 25, at Baltimore, Md.

Q. (1) What day of the week was November 10, 1891? (2) November 28, 1876?

A. E. G.

A. (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday.

Q. What days of the week were October 22, 1888, and October 28, 1894?

C. C. S.

A. Monday and Sunday.

Q. On what days of the week did July 18, 1886, and February 2, 1891, come?

G. L. W.

A. The first came on a Sunday, the second on a Wednesday.

Q. What constitutes a "point" in the cotton market?

W.

A. A point in cotton represents the hundredth part of a cent.

Q. Will you please tell me whether or not August Evans Wilson and Annie Fellows Johnston are dead?

E. J.

A. August Evans Wilson is dead, having died in 1909.

Q. Does the United States own a territory by the name of Tagalog?

E. A. K.

A. This name stands for a people, not a territory. The Tagalogs are a race of Malays, living in the central part of Luzon, one of the islands of the Philippines.

Q. Who started "The man on horseback" and "The big stick," which expressions are quoted in referring to Colonel Roosevelt?

L. R. H.

A. "The man on horseback" is not new, but "the big stick" was used by Colonel Roosevelt himself in a communication some years ago.

Q. (1) Is Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the eldest son of the ex-president, and by which union, the first or the second? (2) In what year was Theodore, Jr., married and what is his age?

B. W.

A. (1) Yes, by the second marriage. Alice Roosevelt is the only child of the first marriage. (2) He married Miss Eleanor Butler Alexander of New York on June 20, 1910. He was then twenty-three years old.

Q. Whom did Owen Kildare marry? Did Mamie Rose really die?

A. Miss Letitia Russell Bogardus, a writer, who obtained a divorce when Kildare was adjudged insane a year or so ago. The original of "My Mamie Rose" was a school teacher who started him, after he was thirty years old, on the road to knowledge. They became engaged, but two weeks before the date for the wedding she died.

Q. How many words are there in the recent language?

H. J.

A. About 600,000. Approximately half of this number consists of scientific terms, archaic words and words that are obsolete or seldom used. The standard dictionaries contain upwards of 400,000 words, made up of the living

language and the more frequently occurring scientific, obsolete and other words.

Q. What is a Chancery Court for?

A. It is a court of equity, in which the rights of parties at law are determined with the idea of giving each one his due according to the natural law.

The courts are maintained by some States on the English system of the Court of Chancery, where cases are tried which are outside of the common law. Breaches of contract and suits of a similar character are heard in these courts.

Q. Is there a State in the Union where, for any cause, as insanity or conviction of a felony, a lawful marriage is annulled without the consent or against the wishes of the parties to that contract?

A. We do not know of any State where insanity or conviction of a felony acts automatically as a divorce. The procedure is for the party seeking the separation to go before a court and give due proof of the grounds on which the divorce is asked for.

Q. (1) What day of the week was April 5, 1818? (2) Was not that the day on which a battle was fought in South America (Chili) which drove the Spanish from that country?

C. E. T.

A. (1) Sunday. (2) The battle which brought Spain's supremacy in Chili to an end was fought on February 12, 1817, at Chaltanco. The patriot army was not content with this victory, but pursued the Spanish forces over into Peru, and by a decisive battle on the Maipo Plains, near Santiago, on April 5, 1818, put an end to the Spanish domination in South America.

Q. (1) How many freight cars are operated in the United States? (2) What is the railway mileage of the different countries of the world?

J. P. H.

A. (1)* Poor's Manual gives the number in 1911 as 2,207,620. (2) Great Britain, 23,280; Germany, 36,235; Russia, 35,347; France, 24,915; Austria, 13,501; Hungary, 12,177; Italy (State roads), 8,710; Spain (13 roads), 6,840; Sweden, 8,114; Norway (State roads), 1,501; Denmark (State roads), 1,102; Belgium (State roads), 2,663; Switzerland (State roads), 2,791; Canada, 24,731; British India, 30,576; Argentina, 13,690; Japan, 4,444.

Q. What brought about the establishment of a republican form of government in China?

J. J. M.

A. The desire of the Chinese to throw off the yoke of the Manchu government, combined with the spread of modern education. Oppression on the part of the Manchu officials has caused numberless revolts among the Chinese. The most powerful factors in the recent revolution have been the men who were educated at European and American universities and the advanced ideas thus acquired they have applied to their own country.

Q. What was the total cost of raising the battleship Maine?

G. W.

A. About \$850,000. The first sum appropriated by Congress was \$100,000, on May 9, 1910, which was used to start the work going. Additional appropriations were made on June 25, 1910, and March 4, 1911, bringing the amount up to \$850,000. It was found that more money would be needed to complete the work, and in February of this year Congress added \$250,000 more. All of the last appropriation was not spent.

Q. (1) Please tell how to make horseradish. (2) Give a good receipt for making white vinegar.

L. D. M.

A. (1) Simply grate the roots and add vinegar. (2) The best white vinegar is made from sour white wine, which is allowed to pass several times through a wooden cask containing beechwood shavings. The cask is divided into three compartments horizontally by disks. The first disk is perforated with small holes and also has several glass tubes running through it to admit air from the outside. Threads lead through the perforations to the second compartment, also perforated, which contains the shavings. The vinegar is heated to about 122 degrees, poured in at the top, trickles slowly through the two upper compartments and collects in the bottom, where it is drawn off and passed through again. It takes from twenty-four to thirty-six hours to make good vinegar this way. Small quantities of white vinegar can be made for household use by covering five pounds of mashed raisins with two and a half gallons of water and standing in a warm place for about a month.

Q. (1) Did Bob Ingersoll ever teach school in Tennessee? (2) Was he not considered one of the greatest orators of modern times? (3) What distance will be saved by steamer from New York to San Francisco by way of the Panama canal?

A. (1) No. He spent most of his boyhood in Illinois, where he was admitted to the bar. (2) He was one of the great American orators, but to class him as one of the greatest of modern times would probably be overrating his ability. (3) Very close ciphering makes the saving 8,415 miles. From New York to points south of Panama, on the west coast, the average saving will be over 5,000 miles. From Liverpool the saving will be from 2,600 to 6,046 miles over the Suez route. Sydney and Wellington, Australia, will be about 2,500 miles nearer to New York than Liverpool and other European ports.

Q. How is the liquor traffic controlled in Australia? Is it controlled by the government; that is, does the government have the right to regulate the price and the way it is sold?

X. Y. Z.

A. Local option is the rule for the Australian States, the regulations in some States, as Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland having power, at the direction of the voters, to prohibit the sale of wines and liquors, to reduce the number of licenses in force or to restrict the number to be granted in the future. If the voters decide to reduce the number of licenses, the establishments permitted to continue in business, because of the increased patronage they enjoy, are assessed a percentage equal to the sum of the license fees lost by the places closed up. The State governments have, of course, authority to regulate the sale of liquors, but not the price at which they are sold.

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War and Poles.

The police were called out Monday by irate property-owners in Walnut terrace and Williamson avenue to prevent employees of the Public Service from erecting poles for electric lights. Among the complainants were Mrs. Charles Klem and Mrs. Andrew Clubb. Patrolman William F. Mertz told the men to stop work, which they did.

Heretofore permission of property-owners has been obtained before putting up poles.

Base-Ball Outlook.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN: Sir:—Belleville, Nutley, Doddtown and all the near-by places that maintain baseball teams that have heretofore competed for honors with the baseball clubs of this town are again in the field with clubs organized for the season of 1912. What about Bloomfield? Did this town reach its zenith in baseball in 1911? It is beyond question that for several years a baseball club has been maintained here that stood second only to the professional league teams.

For many years previous to 1905, the centre of activity in local baseball circles was in Watessing. That locality, under the management of Archie Dailey, developed a remarkably strong amateur team which was maintained for several years at comparatively small expense. Orrin C. Dodd wrought a change in baseball conditions when he organized and managed the Bloomfield Baseball Club. For a while there was keen rivalry between the Watessing and Bloomfield teams, with honors about even, but Manager Dodd succeeded in getting an aggregation of players together that were too strong for the Watessing players and the result was that the Watessings had to yield supremacy. The efforts made in Watessing to keep pace with the Bloomfield team entailed such an expense that the Watessing crowd could not stay in the procession and fell out. There is no one now in Watessing who would undertake the heavy responsibility of organizing and managing a team that would be able to hold its own with the Bloomfield team of 1911. Every player on the team would have to be paid and collections and ticket sales combined would not begin to meet club expenses. The outlook for baseball in Watessing rests with volunteer teams and school teams.

There are indications that the same conditions prevail in other parts of the town, and it is doubtful if voluntary contributions can be secured that will warrant the maintaining of a high-priced baseball team anywhere in the town. It appears as if commercial baseball has been carried to an extreme here and has killed enthusiastic interest in the game.

Building and Loan and Compound Interest.

From a bankrupt and broken-down country following the Revolution, the French have become the bankers of the world, an English authority stating that the French receive annually an income of \$400,000,000 from their money invested outside of France, and several times this amount every year from their money invested at home. In a recent interview an eminent French banker ascribes the great wealth of his people to industry, frugality and saving, but added that the real secret behind it all was "compound interest." When you don't spend the interest on your money, but re-invest that interest, that is called compounding interest. So that vast income in France from year to year has been in good part re-invested and not spent, and the silent influence of the compounding process has created the great wealth of the French.

In our own fair land, where plenty surrounds us, where fortunes are quickly made and frequently as quickly lost, compound interest is not so well known to the people at large as a good silent partner in business. "Spend" appears more frequently than "save" in our vocabulary. But the mechanic, the clerk, the professional man—every one of us can learn something from our frugal friends in France, where things are done with a system established through the centuries. The quiet, regular, persistent saver usually makes his mark. If he allows his interest to remain invested and to compound, time does the rest, and soon his "sheep are housed for the winter."

In Bloomfield, the man or woman who but will can save with a system unequalled in any land; where every month a fixed amount must be paid in, and where the silent partner that has made the French people the bankers of the world is ready to join and help him in his endeavors. Compound interest is with you in the building and loan association and is anxious to help you save. Are you ready? This month—now—you can begin. The Essex County Building and Loan Association, long established and now twenty-six years old, opens a new series of stock on Tuesday, April 16. Shares may be taken during April and May at par.

Miss Ward's Recital.

An organ recital in the series under the auspices of the American Guild of Organists will be given by Miss Laura P. Ward at the First Presbyterian Church of Montclair on Thursday evening, April 18, at 8:15 o'clock. Miss Ward will be assisted by Miss Antoinette Harding, contralto. Following is the program.

Freude und Fugue on BachList
.....BenedictusRheinberger
.....Adagio (Sonata VI)Gallant
"Oh Lord, Thou hast searched me out"Gieseler
Toccata in D minorJ. H. Brewer
An April SongD. R. R. R.
Canonella della SeraMary Turner Satter
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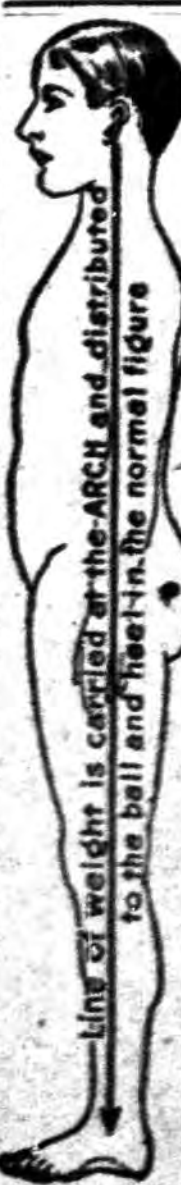
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